



Friday 17 May 2024

Ski Trip 2025 Place – Application Process

We are launching the Ski Trip 2025 – on the back of the very successful, over-subscribed 2024 trip. ParentPay will open at **7:00am on Monday 20 May** for you to apply for a place. This will require a financial commitment of £300 as a deposit.

The trip is in the February half-term 2025 (Friday 14 February to the following Saturday, 22 February.) and will be via coach. The total cost of the trip is £1500 – expensive out of context but very good value for money for a full-board trip. There will be an instalment schedule with final payment by the start of December.

We can only offer limited spaces (capped at 42) and, while probably unlikely, we hope everyone who wants a space secures one. There will be a specific process for the allocation of places on this potentially very popular trip:

- From 7:00am Monday 20 May, ParentPay will be open for all parents of students in Years 7-12 to pay a deposit of £300 and effectively **apply** for a place
- ParentPay will remain open until Wednesday 22 May
- If there are 42 or fewer students who have been signed up by that Wednesday, all those who have signed up will be allocated the places they have applied for and all 42 spaces will be allocated on a first come-first served basis
- If more than 42 students have applied by the Wednesday, priority will be given to students who did NOT go on the 2024 Trip
- If more than 42 students who did NOT go on the 2024 Trip have applied by the Wednesday, the 42 places allocated will be based on which of them signed up first – ParentPay records the signing-up time
- Any remaining spaces allocated to those who went on the 2024 trip will be done so on the basis of first come-first served as recorded in ParentPay

If (in the unlikely event) there are still places remaining after Wednesday 22 May we will re-open the ParentPay item at some point after then and any remaining places will be available first-come, first-served. This is to try to ensure that there has been a reasonable opportunity for students who did not access the 2024 trip to be able to go on the 2025 trip.

Whether or not a space on the trip has been secured will be confirmed via email contact. Please do not assume that if you have signed up on ParentPay that a place is there for your child. Any monies paid on ParentPay by parents who apply but do not ultimately secure a place for their child (based on the above criteria) will of course be refunded.

Please bear all this in mind when applying for a place as we want to manage expectations as best we can and not disappoint students – *i.e. please await a confirmation email before telling your child they have a place.*

As with this year's trip, we trust parents understand the reasoning for this.

Yours faithfully

Steve Taylor – Visit Leader